GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA
Prasad Shri Hari Kewal

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) is being implemented by the Government in all the States particularly Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total quantum and value of foodgrains allocated under the said scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of families being benefited under the said scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the targeted persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Statement showing Allocation and Offtake of Rice & Wheat for the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are at Annexure I. These allocations have been issued at central issue price of Rs.3/- per kg of rice and Rs.2/- per kg of wheat.

(c) : A Statement showing the number of families under AAY State-wise is at Annexure-II.

(d): To strengthen TPDS and to curb leakages and diversion of foodgrains meant for TPDS, the Department in consultation with State and UT Governments, has evolved a 9-Point Action Plan in 2006. The Action Plan is under implementation in States and UTs. In addition to implementation of 9-Point Action Plan, the Government has taken a series of measures to strengthen TPDS. A revised Citizen Charter has been issued for adoption and implementation by State/UT Governments for facilitating use by citizens of provision of Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 in relation to functioning of TPDS. Furthermore, to ensure that TPDS foodgrains reach the targeted families and to minimize scope for their diversion, APL allocations have been rationalized. Training Programmes for TPDS functionaries and awareness campaign for TPDS beneficiaries are being taken up. Computerization of TPDS has been initiated. Use of new technology such as Global Positioning System is being piloted. Revised policy on distribution of wheat flour has been issued.